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(*d*) whether it is a fact that the Government are contemplating the revision of the time-scale of pay into two grades, viz., Rs. 35—3—80 and Rs. 75—7½—150 per mensem in all the mufassal collectorates, especially in heavy deltaic districts like Tanjore ; and

(*e*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the matriculates were appointed as acting head clerks on Rs. 90 per mensem, and as acting deputy tahsildars on Rs. 160 per mensem, in the Tanjore district and whether the Government will be pleased to have this sort of preferring matriculates to available senior B.A. and F.A. clerks cancelled in all the mufassal collectorates hereafter ?

A.—The whole question appears to be based on the assumption that superior academical qualifications entitle the possessor to preference in promotion to the upper grades of the clerical service and to the deputy tahsildari. This is not the case. The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer given to the question No. 1188 (2) (*b*) asked by him at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 5th November 1927. There are no orders as suggested in the opening part of the question and there is no proposal as suggested in clause (*d*).

Village Establishments

Appointment as postmaster of the village munsif of Vishamangalam.

*1512 *Q.*—Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he is aware that the village munsif is also employed as postmaster in Vishamangalam (Tiruppattur taluk) ;

(*b*) under what rules he is allowed to look after both the offices ; and

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to separate the offices ?

A.—(*a*) & (*c*) The Government are not aware that the fact is as suggested.

(*b*) There is no rule prohibiting village officers from engaging in other avocations.

Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai :—" May I know from the hon. the Home Member whether both the Labour Officer and the Commissioner of Labour did not visit this part of the district ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" The hon. Member seems to refer to some other question, Sir."

Water-rate

Baling of water from the Chetti Tangal.

* 1513 *Q.*—Mr. P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu : With reference to the answer given by Government to question No. 570, dated 18th October 1927, and to questions 972 and 973, dated 31st October 1927, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased

(1) to call for the correspondence,

(2) to state—

(i) whether any and if so, what action has been taken—

(a) on the petition submitted by W. Tiruvengada Mudaliyar to the Collector of Chingleput district and his reply No. 7485/25, dated 19th May 1925, thereon, regarding cancellation of the penalty of Rs. 6 levied for baling water from Chetti Tangal;

(b) on the petition, dated 22nd July 1927, submitted to the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue and Settlement, requesting permission to use Chetti Tangal water and its reply endorsement No. 5250/27, dated 23rd August 1927;

(c) on the correspondence forwarded to Secretary, Board of Revenue, Land Revenue and Settlement, in reply to his endorsement No. 8296/27, dated 13th December 1927; and

(ii) whether the Chetti Tangal water was being used by ryots of Movur village for irrigation purposes as mamul for many years and whether the same is being even now used by several ryots who have the benefit of irrigation from Tamarai Madugu also?

A.—(1) The Government see no reason to call for the correspondence. The proper course for the interested parties to follow if they feel any grievance is to appeal to the Government and submit copies of the orders they have received from subordinate authorities.

(2) The Government have no knowledge of the facts of the case or the action taken thereon by subordinate authorities.

Depressed Classes

Digging of a well for depressed classes at Nimiampatti.

*1514 *Q.*—Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether he is aware that depressed class people in the village of Nimiampatti depend on a well belonging to caste people for water-supply;

(b) whether he is aware that such concession is denied when a member of the depressed classes in this village refuses to work under caste Hindus; and

(c) whether the hon. Member will be pleased to order the digging of a well for the general use or for the exclusive use of the depressed classes in this particular village?

A.—(a) No.

(b) No.

(c) It is open to the persons interested to apply to the District Labour Officer or to the Commissioner of Labour.

Factories

Application of the Factories Act to the workshop attached to the Andhra Jateeya Kalasala.

*1515 *Q.*—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state in reference to answer given to question No. 583 answered on 18th October 1927, regarding application of the Factories Act to the workshop attached to the Andhra Jateeya Kalasala—

(a) whether the Government have come to a decision on the appeal of the Secretary to the Andhra Jateeya Kalasala, Masulipatam; and

(b) if so, what the decision is?